Coal deposits in the country

†1656. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the mine-wise and company-wise details of the coal deposits in the country;

(b) what would be the estimated demand of coal at the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) whether Government have any plan to meet this demand;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether temporary coal linkage scheme awarded to the companies is still continuing; and

(f) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO) : (a) Coal inventory is assessed by Geological Survey of India annually for different coalfields and not mine-wise of coal companies. A total of 247,847 million tonnes coal resources have been estimated in India, upto 1200 M depth as per the latest estimate of Geological Survey of India (as on 1.1.05). The company command area-wise distribution of these coal resources is given below:

Company Resouces	Resources (Million Tonnes)	Company	Resources (Million Tonnes)	Company	(Million Tonnes)
Eastern Coal fields Ltd.	43888	Western Coalfields Ltd.	11509	Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.	60983
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	19430	South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	44838	North Eastern Coalfields	910
Central Coalfields Ltd.	36860	Northern Coalfields Ltd.	12503	Singareni Collieries Comapny Ltd.	16926

(b) The estimated demand of coal at the end of Eleventh Plan (20.11.12), as assessed by the Planning Commission is about 676 million tonnes as

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against the demand of 473.18 million tonnes for Tenth Five Year Plan as assessed by the Planning Commission during mid-term appraisal.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. As per the plan a production level of 593 million tonnes will be achieved by the end of Eleventh Plan period. To bridge the gap between demand and availability of coal, following steps have been taken to ensure adequate availability of coal:

(i) Coal India Limited has been asked to increase production from existing mines and expedite production from new projects.

(ii) 48 coal mining blocks have been identified for allocation for captive mining. Out of these, 89 coal blocks have been allotted/decided for allocation to various companies and more are under process.

(iii) State and Central Government companies are being allotted coal mining blocks without restriction of captive mining.

(iv) Exploration for new coal blocks has been expedited.

(v) Procedure for project approvals has been streamlined.

(vi) Ministry of Power has been advised to import about 14 million tonnes of coal during 2005-06.

(e) As per existing policy, no temporary coal linkage was granted to any consumer during the last three years.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply given to part (e) above.

Meeting the demand for coal

1657. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although India has the third largest reserves of coal in the world, the import of coal has been high and rising due to high ash content and also due to Government's restrictive policies in the coal sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are turning its attention to promote acquisition of coal mines abroad to meet the country's growing demand for coal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?